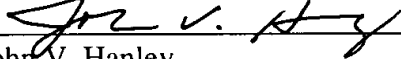


REMARKS

By this paper, claims 1 and 2 have been amended. In particular, claim 1 has been amended to more clearly distinguish the claims from the Wisselink reference (5,984,955) which lacks the teaching of the recited support structure. Moreover, claim 2 has been amended to provide the recited catheter with a positive recitation of structure. As such, it is believed that each of the pending claims now define patentable subject matter.

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